

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

JOSEPH CRISTOFORO,  
Plaintiff

vs.

JULIO LUPO,  
FRANK G. COUSINS, JR.,, Individually and  
in His Capacity as Essex County Sheriff, and  
CERTAIN UNKNOWN INDIVIDUALS  
Defendants

CASE NO: 03-12307 RGS

DEFENDANT JULIO LUPO'S, ANSWER TO  
PLAINTIFF'S FIRST AMENDED  
COMPLAINT AND DEMAND FOR JURY  
TRIAL

Now comes the Defendant, **Julio Lupo**, in the above-entitled action, and through his counsel answers the complaint as follows:

**GENERAL ALLEGATIONS**

1. The Defendant lacks sufficient knowledge to either admit or deny the allegations in this Paragraph.
2. The Defendant **admits** the allegations in this Paragraph.
3. The Defendant **admits** the allegations in this Paragraph.
4. The Defendant **denies** the allegations in this Paragraph.
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**FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

7. The Defendant **admits** the allegations in this Paragraph.
8. The Defendant **denies** the allegations in this Paragraph.
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12. The Defendant **admits** the allegations in this Paragraph.
13. The Defendant **denies** the allegations in this Paragraph.
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**COUNT I:**

**THE PLAINTIFF JOSEPH CRISTOFORO'S CAUSE OF ACTION  
AGAINST THE DEFENDANT JULIO LUPO PURSUANT TO 42 U.S.C. §1983 AND 1988**

17. The Defendant repeats and reaffirms his responses to the allegations set forth in the preceding Paragraphs of this Answer.
18. The Defendant **denies** the allegations in this Paragraph.

**COUNT II:**

**THE PLAINTIFF JOSEPH CRISTOFORO'S CAUSE OF ACTION  
AGAINST THE DEFENDANT FRANK G. COUSIN, JR., INDIVIDUALLY AND IN HIS  
CAPACITY AS ESSEX COUNTY SHERIFF, PURSUANT TO 42 U.S.C. §1983 AND 1988**

19. The Defendant repeats and reaffirms his responses to the allegations set forth in the preceding Paragraphs of this Answer.
20. The Defendant neither admits nor denies the allegations contained in this Paragraph as the allegations are not directed to him.
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**COUNT III:**

**THE PLAINTIFF JOSEPH CRISTOFORO'S CAUSE OF ACTION  
AGAINST THE DEFENDANT CERTAIN UNKNOWN INDIVIDUALS  
PURSUANT TO 42 U.S.C. §1983 AND 1988**

23. The Defendant repeats and reaffirms his responses to the allegations set forth in the preceding Paragraphs of this Answer.
24. The Defendant neither admits nor denies the allegations contained in this Paragraph as the allegations are not directed to him.

**AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES  
FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE  
(Failure to State a Claim)**

By way of affirmative defense, the Defendant states that the Plaintiff's complaint fails to

state a claim for which relief may be granted.

**SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE  
(Statute of Limitations)**

By way of affirmative defense, the Defendant states that the Plaintiff's complaint is barred by the applicable statute of limitations.

**THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE  
(Failure of Amended Complaint to Relate Back to Original Filing)**

By way of affirmative defense, the Defendant states that the Plaintiff's Amended Complaint was filed after the statute of limitations expired and any claims outlined in the Amended Complaint are barred under the applicable statute of limitations.

**FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE  
(Lack of Requisite Knowledge and Notice)**

By way of affirmative defense, the Defendant lacked any requisite knowledge or notice of necessary for it to have liability attach to his actions or inactions.

**FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE  
(Comparative Negligence)**

By way of affirmative defense, the Defendant states that any injuries the Plaintiff suffered are the result of its own negligent, intentional and/or illegal conduct and not any actions of the Defendant.

**SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE  
(Self-Defense, Defense of Another)**

By way of affirmative defense, the Defendant states that the Defendant was acting in self-defense of himself or another.

**SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE  
(Lack of Malice and within Authority of a Police Officer)**

By way of affirmative defense, the Defendant states that the Defendant acted without malice toward the Plaintiff and that his actions relative to the Plaintiff were privileged by virtue of his acting reasonably and in good faith within the scope of his authority as a police officer.

**EIGHT AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE  
(Resisting of Lawful Arrest)**

By way of affirmative defense, the Defendant states that the Plaintiff's actions were an unjustified resisting of a lawful arrest.

**NINTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE  
(No Constitutional Deprivation)**

By way of affirmative defense, the Defendant states that the activities complained of do not rise to the level of constitutional deprivations under 42 U.S.C. §1983, therefore this Court lacks subject matter jurisdiction.

**TENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE  
(Qualified Immunity)**

By way of affirmative defense, the Defendant states that the Plaintiff's claims are barred under the doctrine of qualified immunity as the alleged acts complained of occurred within the scope of the Defendant's official duties and Defendant had no knowledge that said alleged acts were illegal and/or unconstitutional nor were said alleged acts clearly violative of Plaintiff's rights at the time they were allegedly committed.

**ELEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

**(Failure to Allege Threats, Force, Intimidation and/or Coercion)**

By way of affirmative defense, the Defendant states that the Plaintiff's Amended Complaint does not allege acts constituting threats, force, intimidation and/or coercion and as such the alleged acts do not constitute a violation of the Massachusetts Civil Rights Act.

**TWELFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

**(Lack of Malice)**

By way of affirmative defense, the Defendant states in any actions it undertook of failed to take, it lacked the element of malice to the Plaintiff.

**THIRTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

**(Reservation of Rights to Assert Additional Defenses)**

By way of affirmative defense, the Defendant states it reserves the right, after entering into discovery, to file additional affirmative defenses, claims and actions as may be necessary, compulsory or available.

**FOURTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

**(Frivolous Action Defenses)**

By way of affirmative defense, the Defendant states that the Plaintiff's claims are frivolous and not advanced in good faith and that therefore the Defendant is entitled to costs and attorneys fees pursuant to **42 U.S.C. §1988**.

**FIFTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

**(Violation of General Law Chapter 231, Section 6(f) )**

By way of affirmative defense, the Defendant states that the Plaintiff is estopped from recovery by virtue of the fact that the Complaint contains allegations wholly unsubstantial, frivolous and not advanced in good faith and as such this Defendant is entitled to costs and attorneys fees for defense pursuant to **M.G.L. Chapter 231, Section 6(f)** and as otherwise allowed by law.

**SIXTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

**(Failure to Perfect Service of Process)**

By way of affirmative defense, the Defendant states that the Plaintiff has failed to properly effect service of process on the Defendant.

**REQUEST FOR RELIEF**

**DEFENDANT'S DEMAND OF TRIAL BY JURY**

**THE DEFENDANT DEMANDS TRIAL BY JURY ON ALL ISSUES SO TRIABLE.**

**WHEREFORE**, The Defendant requests that this Court:

- a. Find in its favor on all counts;
- b. Grant judgment in its favor;
- c. Dismiss the claims brought against it;
- d. Grant its costs and attorneys fees;
- e. Any other relief this Court deems equitable and just.

Respectfully submitted,  
**Julio Lupo**



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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Joseph W. Monahan, III, hereby certify that on **June 11, 2004**, I served a copy of the forgoing answer to Plaintiff's Amended Complaint by **regular mail, postage prepaid** to the following:

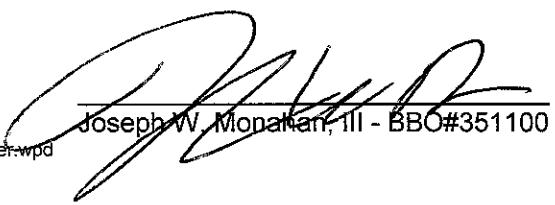
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